

Executive Order No. 2019-14

WHEREAS, I have been notified of the passing of Ernest Frederick “Fritz” Hollings, who dutifully served the United States of America and the State of South Carolina as a member of the United States Senate, Governor of South Carolina, Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, and a member and Speaker *Pro Tempore* of the South Carolina House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, prior to his distinguished and patriotic public service, Senator Hollings—a graduate of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina—served with honor and distinction in the United States Army during World War II and received numerous decorations and awards, including the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in public office, Senator Hollings exhibited bold and decisive leadership on a variety of important issues and causes, and his legacy includes ushering in a peaceful end to segregation in South Carolina, recruiting new industries and diversifying the State’s economy, establishing South Carolina’s premier technical education system, promoting fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraint, protecting the environment and critical natural resources, and supporting medical and other scientific research; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hollings continued to contribute his time and energy in service to the State of South Carolina and the United States of America even after leaving public office, passionately advocating for and effectively advancing a host of civic and charitable causes and consistently demonstrating his characteristic but uncommon combination of compassion, conviction, integrity, humor, and humility in all such endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hollings was a remarkable individual, dedicated public servant, passionate advocate, accomplished lawyer, proud World War II veteran, beloved father and family man, and principled leader who will forever serve as an inspiration to all South Carolinians, and his passing warrants the people of this State further recognizing and appropriately honoring his extraordinary legacy of selfless statesmanship and his lifetime of service to the State of South Carolina and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that “the flags which are flown atop the State Capitol Building must be lowered to half-staff on the day on which funeral services are conducted for . . . current and past members of the United States Congress from the State of South Carolina” and “former Governors and Lieutenant Governors of the State of South Carolina” and further authorizes the Governor to order “that the flags atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff at a designated time or for a designated period of time” “upon the death of a person of extraordinary stature.”

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and of these United States and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby Order that the flags atop the State Capitol Building and on all state buildings be lowered to half-staff from sunrise on Monday, April 15, 2019, until sunset on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in honor of Senator Hollings and in recognition of his extraordinary legacy of selfless statesmanship and his lifetime of distinguished and patriotic service to the State of South Carolina and the United States of America. As a mark of respect to Senator Hollings, I further proclaim that Tuesday, April 16, 2019, shall be a Day of Remembrance throughout the State of South Carolina, and I encourage all South Carolinians to reflect upon and honor the life and legacy of Senator Hollings. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL,
2019.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**